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## **Providence man is charged with four bank robberies**

A federal grand jury has charged **Hubert C. Johnson**, of Providence, with four bank robberies – three in Providence and one in Cranston – that occurred in June and July.

The Office of the United States Attorney, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman jointly announced a four-count indictment, which was returned today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

The indictment alleges that Johnson, 40, of 179 Linwood Avenue, robbed bank employees at Sovereign Bank, 520 Elmwood Avenue on June 20, a Citizen's Bank branch at 63 Westminster Street on June 23, a Sovereign branch at 551 North Main Street on July 8, and Domestic Bank, 815 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, on July 9.

Providence Police arrested Johnson on July 9. He is detained at the Wyatt Federal Detention Center, Central Falls, pending arraignment, which has not been scheduled.

An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The statutory maximum penalty for bank robbery, upon conviction, is 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Exact sentencing for any defendant convicted would be determined on the basis of federal sentencing guidelines, which take into account such factors as the specific nature and impact of an offense and a defendant's criminal background, if any.

Providence Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose is prosecuting it.

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